

Torrance, California  
September 22, 1936

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, September 22, 1936 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Stanger called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 1936 were approved as written.

COMMUNICATIONS

Two communications from the Southern California Edison Company, regarding discount provisions in street lighting contracts, were ordered filed.

Request from Mr. Quinn for permission to take out business license for six months only for his garage. Referred to City Attorney.

Communication from Mr. Edgar S. Frenger inclosing letter regarding Emerald Street improvement. Referred to City Engineer and Street Commissioner.

Communication from Boulder Power Inaugural regarding program on October 9th and asking the City of Torrance to participate. Filed.

Communication from Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks, regarding proposition prohibiting tideland drilling. Filed.

Petition from 15 business people of Torrance, requesting an adjustment of the business license fees. Referred to the Ordinance Committee and the City Attorney for revamping the ordinance.

Clerk Bartlett stated that the fleet insurance on automobiles and trucks owned by the City will expire October 2nd. He then read a communication from Mr. Howard G. Locke, requesting that the matter be deferred until October 13th (the next regular meeting of the City Council), stating that the City would be protected, without charge, in the meantime.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried.

Additional communications regarding fleet insurance were to be retained for presentation at the Council meeting on October 13th.

Attorney Rippy stated that Dr. Smiley and Mr. Isaacs had spoken to him about the four health ordinances in the City, covering hog ranches, rabies, garbage and poultry, and that they had understood that the Health Department was to enforce the hog ranch and rabies ordinances, but that no provision was made for them to enforce the garbage and poultry ordinances.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Health Department be instructed to enforce the hog ranch, rabies, garbage and poultry ordinances in the City of Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett was instructed to send a certified copy of the motion covering the enforcement of health ordinances to Dr. Smiley, Health Officer.

Attorney Rippy reported that he had written to the Los Angeles City Attorney regarding fighting fires in the Shoe String Strip by the Torrance Fire Department, but that he had received no reply as yet.

Attorney Rippy read the contract between the City of Torrance and Luther Andrews, covering garbage collection, and then presented and read in full:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1037

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GARBAGE CONTRACT WITH LUTHER  
ANDREWS COVERING COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION OF GARBAGE  
FROM OCTOBER 1, 1936 TO JULY 1, 1937

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1037 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell stated that several residents in the south end of the City had requested that something be done in regard to two sump holes which had been left as a nuisance and a hazard to pets and children.

Mayor Stanger requested Councilman Powell to notify the City Engineer as to the exact locations.

Councilman Tolson reported that the banisters were up in the Auditorium.

Councilman Hitchcock reported the completion of the guard rails and the traffic line on Cedar Avenue; also that the traffic line on Western Avenue is half painted; also that sidewalks are being put in on Arlington Avenue between the Park and Plaza del Amo.

Councilman Hitchcock read a request which he had received regarding the improvement of Elm Street. Engineer Leonard was asked to look the situation over.

Clerk Bartlett read a report from the Recreation Department, showing the number of attendants at the Park, the number of ball games played, and the number of picnics held.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk be authorized to sell the 1930 Dodge Sedan for \$125.00. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Stanger reported that on Tuesday evening, September 15, he had taken action in connection with the difficulty in getting school transportation for the children of Walteria, which action he desired the City Council to approve. He stated that the parents had threatened to take their children out of school if no free transportation was provided for them by the school board. Mayor Stanger had persuaded them not to do this, but to permit the City Attorney to contact the Board of Education and settle the matter amicably. He stated that the City Attorney has taken this matter up with the Board of Education.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the action of Mayor Stanger in this matter be approved. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that warrants be drawn and all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell, Tolson and Stanger. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:22 P.M., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Stanger

Mayor of the City of Torrance.